

AMENDMENT

27. (Thrice amended) A porous free-flowing fungal [microbial] extrudate which [comprises, or is obtained from, a fungus] consists essentially of dead fungi or dead fungal cells [obtainable from] obtained by mechanical extrusion of a fungal biomass, the extrudate having a structure that allows a solvent access, via the pores, to the dead cells in order to isolate or extract a desired compound therefrom.

28. (Thrice amended) A composition comprising granular particles of dead fungal cells from a biomass which particles

(a) are obtained by granulating the biomass[, and] having a dry matter content of 25 to 80%;

(b) have a dry matter content of at least 30% but less than 70%; and

(c) have a structure that on drying allows isolation or extraction of a desired compound from the dead cells with a solvent.

30. (Thrice amended) A composition which comprises dried porous granules of dead fungal cells, the dried granules being obtained by drying granular particles, themselves obtained by granulating a microbial biomass, said resultant dried granules having a dry matter content of at least 80% and a structure that allows, via the pores, access of a solvent to the dead cells to isolate or extract a desired compound therefrom.

Cancel claims 32, and 37-39.

33. (Amended) A composition according to any one of claims 29 to 31 [to 32] wherein the granular particles or dried granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and [their] a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times [that of] the diameter [of the granule].